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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2018-8

USPS RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3 (November 2, 2017)

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to Chairman's Information Request No. 3, which was issued yesterday. The request is reprinted verbatim in the attached, and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to Governor's Decision 16-8 attached to the Notice. The decision states that Premium Forwarding Service prices will increase 3.9 percent in 2018. Notice, Attachment at 3. The decision also states that prices for the flat rate full and half trays, introduced in 2017, will remain unchanged in 2018. *Id.* Such trays are included in the Premium Forwarding Service product. Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) § 2630(1)(b). Please confirm the price increase for flat rate full and half trays for 2018 and provide updated workpapers and MCS language if necessary.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service confirms that the prices for the flat rate full and half trays will increase by 3.9 percent, as reflected in the price tables filed on October 6th. Therefore, the workpapers and MCS language do not need to be updated.

The sentence in Governors' Decision No. 16-8 stating that the prices will remain unchanged was a drafting error. Simultaneous with approval of Decision No. 16-8, the Governor approved price tables with prices listed at the cell level, which included the 3.9 percent price increase for the flat rate full and half trays. In addition, the background materials presented to the Governor along with the Decision and the price tables reflected the same increase.